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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON ARMS SALES TO  
TAIWAN

DEPT PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR THE PRESIDENT

1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT).

2. JUST AS I WAS DEPARTING BEIJING, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER  
ZHANG WENJIN SPOKE TO ME PRIVATELY AT PLANESIDE:3. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT YOUR RESPONSE WAS THE  
MINIMUM WHICH WE COULD HAVE EXPECTED UNDER CIRCUM-  
STANCES WHEN A QUESTION ON THIS SUBJECT WAS PRESENTED  
TO YOU DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE. I ADDED THAT I

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HOPE THEY WOULD NOT MAKE TOO MUCH OF IT. A-MEMBER

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OF MY STAFF SAID THE SAME THING TO OTHER CHINESE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED ZHANG WENJIN TO THE AIRPORT.

4. THIS SHOWS THE EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF THE CHINESE ON THE ISSUE OF ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN, DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOUR POSITION HAS BEEN IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN FOR SOME TIME AND IS WELL KNOWN. I WILL BE BRIEFING THE PRESS ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT SOON AND WILL PLAY UP POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE US-CHINESE RELATIONSHIP WHILE PUTTING ARMS SALES IN PERSPECTIVE.

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